

CAREER TECHNICAL TRAINING AREA

Bricklaying



Do You Like ...

- ... working with your hands?
- ... being outside?
- ... organization and detail?
- ... solving problems?

If so, you may be a good candidate for Job Corps' **Bricklaying** career training program.

SKILLS

Learn how to perform the essential tasks of a bricklayer, including:

- » Laying and binding building materials, such as brick and concrete, with mortar or other substances to repair walls, partitions, arches, sewers, and other structures.
- » Measuring distances from reference points and marking guidelines to lay out work.
- » Properly constructing corners and arches.
- » Removing excess mortar with trowels and hand tools, and finishing joints with jointing tools, for a sealed, uniform appearance.

EXPECTATIONS & REQUIREMENTS

While on the job, you will be expected to display the following traits at all times:

- » Physical strength
- » Steady hands and fingers
- » Attention to detail
- » Focus

And you will need to meet a few basic requirements in order to be hired as a bricklayer, including having:

- » Strong math and reading skills
- » A high school diploma or the equivalent
- » Completion of the core curriculum and passing scores on all written and performance tests

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CREDENTIALS

As a Job Corps student, you can earn credentials in your training area that demonstrate you have **gained the knowledge and skills** to help you **succeed in your career**. Credentials may lead to greater employment opportunities, higher wages, and promotions.

Students who complete a center-based Construction training area can earn **nationally recognized credentials** from organizations such as the National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER).

Students training in union-affiliated and national-contracted programs, such as the United Brotherhood of Carpenters (UBC), International Masonry Institute (IMI), International Union of Operating Engineers (IUOE), International Union of Painters and Allied Trades (IUPAT), National Plastering Industry Joint Apprenticeship Trust Fund (NPIJATF), Home Builders Institute (HBI), Transportation Communications Union (TCU), and United Auto Workers (UAW), can earn a pre-apprentice certificate of completion that offers registered apprenticeship opportunities and on-the-job experience.

CAREER OPTIONS

Most **Bricklaying graduates go to work as brick masons or block masons** for private companies or for a public works organization. Working as a brick mason or block mason is physically demanding work, and many days are spent outside.

SALARY

The average starting salary for most bricklayers is **\$49,000/year**.

*For additional salary information and career path options in this field, visit mynextmove.org.



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